

# Delaware Forest Service awards \$58,000 for 16 tree planting projects



Urban and community trees provide numerous benefits, including better air and water quality, storm water retention, and increased property values.

DOVER – The Delaware Forest Service has awarded \$58,244 to fund 16 tree planting projects throughout the First State. Since 2007, the agency has given more than \$1.7 million to cities, towns and homeowner groups to support community tree efforts that take place on public lands. Recipients provide a 50-50 cost-share match in either non-federal funds or in-kind services such as volunteer time, equipment, or donated

supplies.

“These urban forestry grants are a central part of our agency’s efforts to meet our statewide program goals. Tree planting projects help to bring people together, build awareness about the importance of proper tree care in community settings, and highlight the many benefits of increasing tree canopy,” said Kesha Braunskill, Delaware Forest Service’s urban and community forestry director.

Delaware’s Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program is a competitive process open to all municipalities, community associations, and certified 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations in the State of Delaware. Funds can only be utilized on public property owned by the municipality, HOA, or nonprofit organization. Grants ranged from \$500 to a maximum of \$5,000 in two project categories: tree planting or tree management. Applications were limited to one project in one category and were judged on a competitive basis by the grant committee of the Delaware Community Forestry Council. Eligible projects must be performed on public lands within the community. Priority was given to first time applicants, Tree Friendly Communities, and applicants that have passed an Urban Tree Canopy Goal Resolution (only applies to Municipalities).

## 2018 Delaware Urban and Community Forestry Grants

Community or Municipality	City or Town	County	Amount
Town of Elsmere	Elsmere	New Castle	\$5,000
Spring Arbor Community Association	Middletown	New Castle	\$5,000
Academy Hill – Phase V	Newark	New Castle	\$5,000
Westover Hills – Section C	Wilmington	New Castle	\$1,350

Highlands Community Association	Wilmington	New Castle	\$1,645
City of Dover	Dover	Kent	\$1,350
Longacre Village	Dover	Kent	\$3,190
Spring Meadow Community	Smyrna	Kent	\$5,000
Delaware Botanic Gardens, Inc	Dagsboro	Sussex	\$5,000
Town of Ellendale	Ellendale	Sussex	\$2,345
The Village of Five Points	Lewes	Sussex	\$3,000
Bay Crossing	Lewes	Sussex	\$3,695
City of Lewes	Lewes	Sussex	\$3,921
James Farm Ecological Preserve	Ocean View	Sussex	\$4,978
The Grande at Canal Pointe	Rehoboth Beach	Sussex	\$3,475
The Meadows at Old Landing	Rehoboth Beach	Sussex	\$4,295
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$58,244</b>

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